

MICHAEL DAVITT WELCOMED

THE AGITATOR REPILES TO SOME OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

Accusing Plaintiff of Dangerous Interpretation of His Motives—Willing to Put His Plan of Settlement by the State of Parliament and Let the Irish People Choose Disclaiming Hostility to the Parnell Party

Michael Davitt, founder of the Irish National Land League met with a cordial reception at the Academy of Music last evening. Nearly every seat had been sold, the prices ranging from half a dollar upward. The following members of the Reception Committee occupied seats on the stage during the meeting: Judge George M. Van Hoosen, the Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn, Judge David McAdam, Col. James Cavanagh, Prof. John P. Brophy, Col. Frederick A. Conkling, District Attorney McKenna, Patrick Ford, F. B. Thurber, Edward J. Rose, Joseph Atkinson, Andrew McLean, Denis F. Burke, Col. Henry Beatty, Col. T. P. O'Reilly, Major P. M. Harvey, Stephen B. Blake, Clinton Furtach, and Prof. Wm. B. Clarke. While the audience was entering the Academy a band played Irish airs and Miss Coleman played selections on the organ.

Shortly after 8 o'clock, Mr. Davitt came upon the stage, accompanied by Van Hoosen, Prof. Brophy, and other members of the committee. He was greeted with a storm of applause that fairly shook the house. As he took his seat there were cheers for Davitt, for Parnell, for Dillon, for "the whole band of Irish patriots," and for "the Manchester martyrs." Judge Van Hoosen took his seat behind a table on which was spread the colors of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, with Prof. Brophy on his right and Mr. Davitt on his left. Prof. Brophy called the meeting to order, and introduced as Chairman Judge Van Hoosen.

Judge Van Hoosen, on taking the chair, said he was glad of the opportunity to do honor to one who owed nothing to the accidents of life; one who bore no title and possessed no wealth, and whose career, judged by the standards of worldly ambition, had not been a success. His place had been in the ranks of the people and in the cell of his hero's crime the love of his country. (Applause.) Whatever might be the name applied to Mr. Davitt in England, he would say that in the New World Michael Davitt was not a felon, not even a "suspect." (Applause.)

Mr. Davitt was as the representative of that land that had sprung to revolution in British ideas and British hegemony. Who would have prophesied that such a change would take place? The British Parliament had said to the land owner, "You shall not do what you like with your own; you want so much rent, and you shall not have it." Mr. Davitt's speech was a blow to the Englishmen that he at first thought was visionary and wild; but the solution of the Irish question had been formed in the brain of an Irishman, Michael Davitt, in the year 1870. (Applause.)

Prof. Brophy announced that a lady of Patterson, N. J., had presented \$2,000 for the cause to purchase the cancelled checks sent by Miss Anne Parnell.

Judge Van Hoosen, the Chairman, said that when he had been announced as the speaker he was running off dead beat for the mark at Mount St. Vincent. It blew harder and harder, and he could not get away from anything but the run to keep from capsizing. After furling sail, however, she plunkily kept on, though just a hundred yards and swept rapidly down the river. To obtain such a gale gave way, and, after lowering sail, anchored near Glenwood. This left only the Spray in the river, and he had to get out of danger near the lower mark. We don't say this regatta to-day; some other day," said Commodore Prime as some ashore drenched.

MICHAEL DAVITT'S SPEECH.

Mr. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:— I am glad to find that this is my third visit to America on behalf of Ireland. On each of my former visits to this country I came from an English prison. This time I come from an English prison also. (Applause.)

The former two occasions I have had to face an English Government that was determined to

keep Ireland under its heel, and the English Government I find that now in the Atlantic.

Now, the first point of my expression in Liverpool, in reference to the nationalization of the land for Ireland, serious objections have been raised by the English Government.

First—Abandoning the Land League pro-

gramme. (Applause.)

Second—Setting up myself as Mr. Parnell's

successor. (Applause.)

Third—Promulgating a new departure.

Four—Abandoning the Land League pro-

gramme. (Applause.)

Fifth—Going in for Communism.

Sixth—Falling into the hands of Henry George. (Cheers for Henry George.)

Seventh—Holding over the land of Ireland to the English Government. (Laughter.)

Eighth—Reputating Irish Nationalists.

Ninth—Reputating Irish Nationalists.

Tenth—Going in for Communism.

Eleventh—Falling into the hands of Henry George. (Cheers for Henry George.)

Twelfth—Holding over the land of Ireland to the English Government. (Laughter.)

Thirteenth—Reputating Irish Nationalists.

Fourteenth—Going in for Communism.

Fifteenth—Intending to start a new fund.

Sixteenth—Holding over the land of Ireland to the English Government. (Laughter.)

Seventeenth—Reputating Irish Nationalists.

Eighteenth—Going in for Communism.

Nineteenth—Falling into the hands of Henry George. (Cheers for Henry George.)

Twentieth—Holding over the land of Ireland to the English Government. (Laughter.)

Twenty-first—Reputating Irish Nationalists.

Twenty-second—Promulgating a new departure.

This second charge is setting up for rivalry with Mr. Parnell. When and where have I uttered such a thing? Am I to be held accountable for every indiscriminate opinion uttered in my regard? I have never had any ambition in the Land League, nor any desire to be the head of the movement for the social redemption of the people of Ireland, feeling a moral certainty that the power which would be thus consolidated by the democracy or working classes of England are to be blamed for Sin. That shall not steal, but for the man who carried her on his back because she had no other way to carry him. (Applause.)

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John Davitt, the son of the man who founded the Land League movement, will be here to-night, to-morrow, and the next day, to speak against me, and to expose the errors of my party. (Applause.)

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